Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR-03), member of the bipartisan House National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus, announced he and his colleagues in the House and Senate have sent a letter to Secretary of the Army John McHugh and National Guard Bureau Chief Craig McKinley, calling on them to continue funding the National Guard Reintegration programs in Oregon, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Minnesota.

These life-saving programs offer outreach and information to Guard members and their families to help them transition successfully from their war service. In Oregon, this funding fills the gap in services provided by military bases operating in other states.

In addition, they further requested that McHugh and McKinley work to explore the expansion of this successful program nationwide to benefit all returning National Guard members.

"This program is essential for the wellbeing of the men and women who bravely serve this nation in uniform. They and their families deserve continued and complete support before, during, and after their active duty service. We have asked so much from our Guard in recent years, and they have answered with courage and commitment every time by serving in these wars. It is only right that we give them the support they need and deserve once they come home."